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Title: METHOD OF SUPPORT OF ENVIRONMENTALLY
CONCERNED DESIGN OF MANUFACTURED GOODS, AND
METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING RECYCLING
SUPPORT INFORMATION

RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE
CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

A Notice to File Corrected Application Papers in the above-referenced patent application was mailed on December 20, 2001. The Notice required that an Abstract be submitted in the above-referenced patent application since an Abstract was not provided for this application. In response to the Notice, Applicants respectfully submit that an Abstract of the Disclosure was filed with the application papers that were filed in the Office on November 29, 2001. The Abstract of the Disclosure filed on November 29, 2001 was included in the patent application's specification at pages 39-40. A copy of the Abstract of the Disclosure, as filed, is enclosed with this Response.

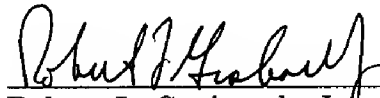
Whereas Applicants note that the Abstract of the Disclosure was not filed on a separate sheet of the patent application, Applicants will amend the Abstract

of the Disclosure, if required, in response to an objection to the Abstract by the Examiner in a communication from the Examiner.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that the application papers for the above-referenced patent application were correctly filed in that they included an Abstract of the Disclosure. Applicants respectfully request that the requirement to file corrected application papers be withdrawn.

Applicants do not believe that any fee is required in connection with this paper, however, the Office is authorized to charge any fee required to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket No. 381HI/50631).

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